

2 Chronicles 15:3—Part 1

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I gave a sermon using 2 Chronicles 15:3 as an outline. In that sermon, I identified three main concepts.

2 Chronicles 15:3—"For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law."

This article will be the first of a three-part series. It will discuss the first concept—they were without the true God.

God of Abraham

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). God created Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:15, 21).

Years later, God introduced Himself to Abram (Genesis 12:1-3).

When God later communicated with Isaac, He called Himself the God of Isaac's father, Abraham (Genesis 26:24).

When God later communicated with Jacob, He called Himself the God of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 28:13).

God later told Moses that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Exodus 3:6).

Some descriptions

Here are a few sections of Scripture that discuss the true God.

Exodus 12:12—"For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD."

Isaiah 45:5-7—"I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, that they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the Lord, do all these things."

Matthew 22:31-32—"But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.' "

Acts 14:14-17—“But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out and saying, ‘Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.”

Acts 17:22-28—“Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, ‘Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to the unknown god. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, “For we are also His offspring.” ’ ”